

Formatter Launcher - Combo Options and Functionality

Introduction:

When you create products in the Formatter Launcher, you have several options to create new zone Combo Sets, load or delete previous Combo Sets. In addition, there are display options for labels and colors.

Objective:

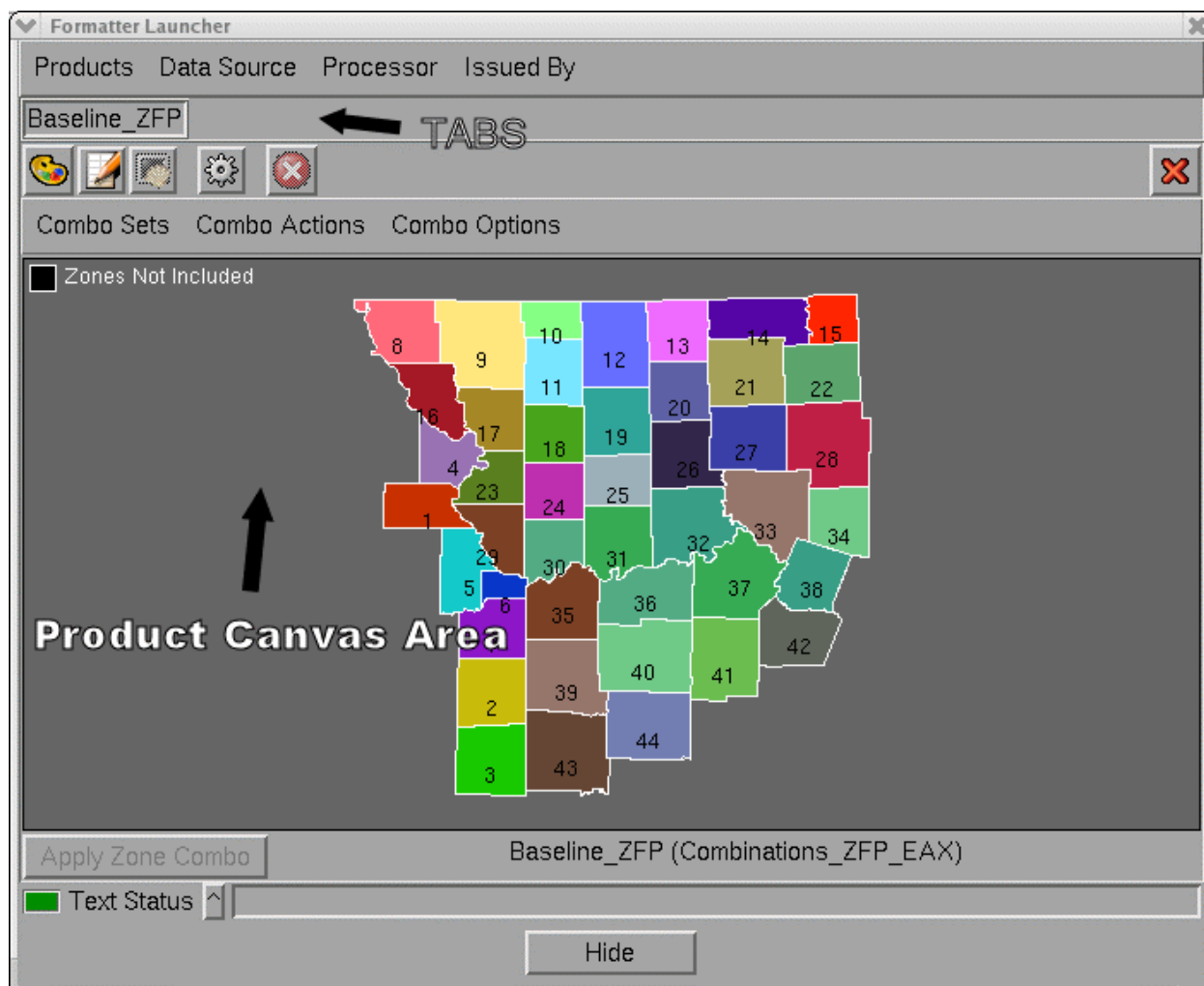
Demonstrate the zone combination sets and display options in the Formatter Launcher.

Procedure:

1. If you have not saved any grids to the Official database recently, under Products, select **Publish to Official** and then **Publish**.
2. Under Products in the main menu bar, select **Formatter Launcher...**
3. In the Formatter Launcher:
 - a. select **Products**
 - b. then ... either under Baseline, Region, or Site ... select ***a product such as the ZFP.***

Initially, you may have only baseline products. These are products using the baseline formatters. Perhaps your Focal Point has setup some local Site product formatting.

This will display your CWA with colored counties in the canvas area, the product as a Tab, a row of control panel buttons and some Combo options as shown in the following figure:



If this is the first time you are creating this product, there will be a multicolored one county, one zone display as shown in the above figure. Otherwise, the previous zone combo for that product will be displayed.

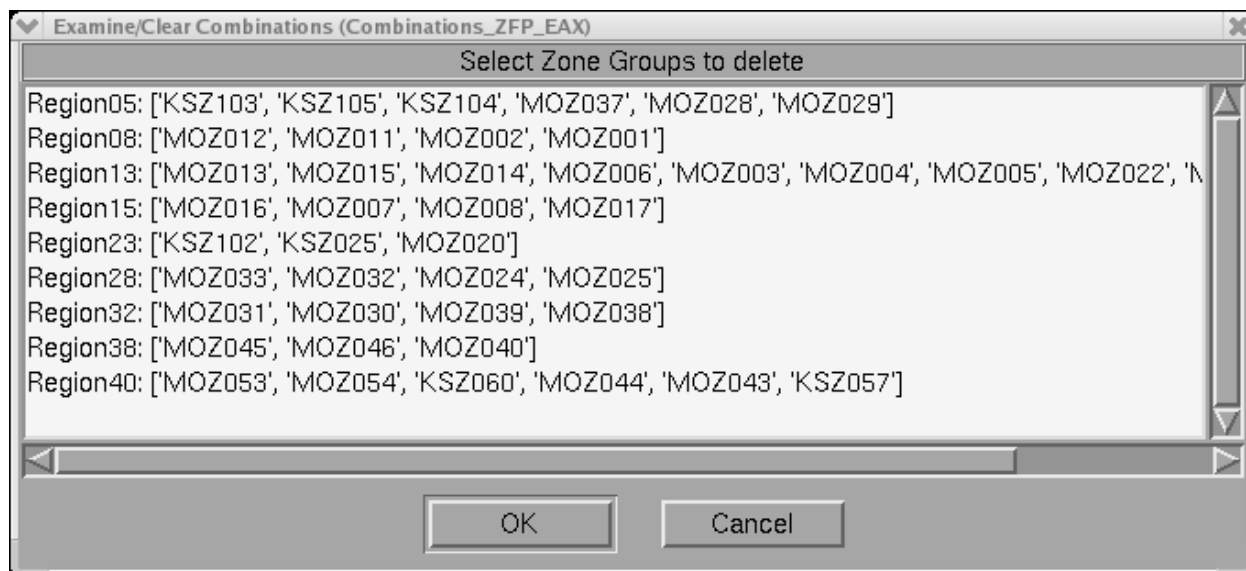
4. Create a unique zone Combo such as one county, one zone or create a unique zone Combo to be used for a particular weather event.
5. If you already have a one county, one zone Combo, displayed ...select **a county (MB1) and drag the mouse across other counties to create a zone Combo.**
6. Repeat the process by selecting **another county and dragging across additional counties, adding them to the Combo.**

Note: The initial color of the zone combos depend on the color of the first zone you selected when creating Combos.

7. To save this unique zone Combo, under Combo Sets, select **Save Combo...** from the pull-down menu. This displays the Save Combinations window.
8. In the Save Combinations window, type in a name for your combination and then select **Save**.
9. If you have a zone Combo selected and no one county, one zone Combo defined, under Combo Actions, select **Clear**. This turns all zones black.
10. Under Combo Options, select **Label Zone Groups** to obtain the default one county, one zone Combo Set.
11. Select a **county (MB1)** and **drag the mouse across other counties to create a Combo**. Repeat the process by selecting another county and dragging across additional counties, adding them to the Combo.
12. To save this unique zone Combo, under Combo Sets, select **Save Combo...** from the pull-down menu. This displays the Save Combinations window.
13. In the Save Combinations window, **type in a name for your combination** and then select **Save**.
14. Under Combo Options, select **Label Zones** to obtain a display of zone numbers for each county.
15. Under Combo Options, de-select **Label Zones** and select **Label Zone Groups** to see the group number.

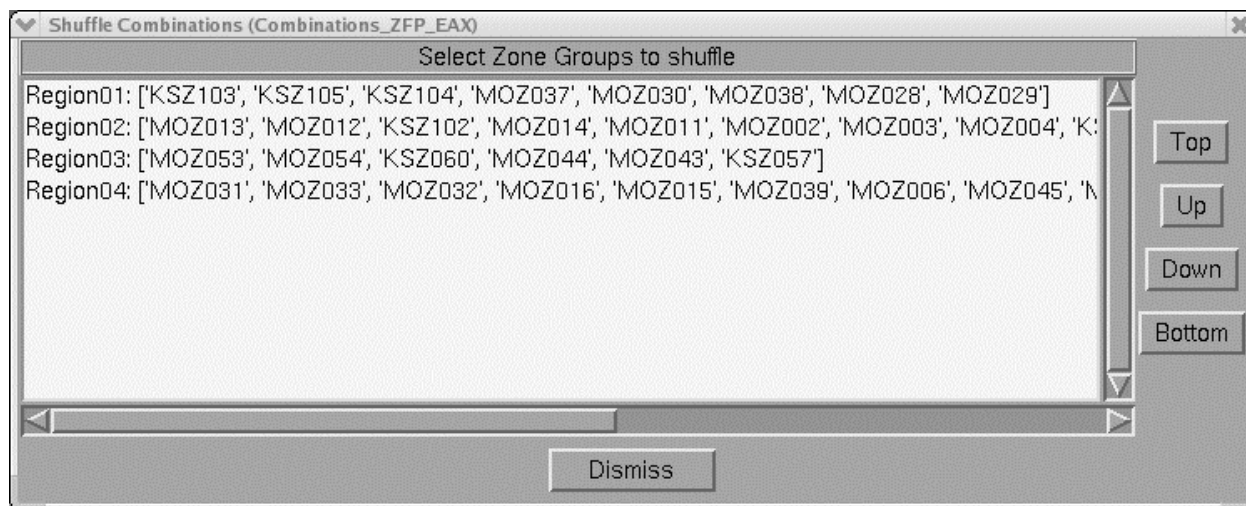
The initial group numbers are related to the ordering of the zone numbers in the default color table.

16. Under Combo Actions, select **Clear/Examine Groups...** to obtain a window listing the zone groups as show below:



Note: The regions are listed in ascending numerical order and correspond to the same numbers indicated when you select under Combo Options the Label Zone Groups option.

17. To reorder the zone Combo listing, select **Combo Actions**, and then **Shuffle Groups...** to obtain a window similar to shown below:



In this case there are four zone groups.

18. Select a **group**, highlighting it with a yellow bar, and then select one of the options; **Top**, **Up**, **Down** or **Bottom**. When the zone Combos shuffle, the Combo colors in the Formatter Launcher will change color to reflect the color assigned to zone group colors in the zone color table editor.

19. When you are finished shuffling the zone groups, select **Dismiss**.
20. After obtaining the desired zone Combos, select **Apply Zone Combo**.
21. Under Combo Options, select **Zone Colors...** to display the Zone Color Table Editor.
22. Adjust the brightness ... then hold MB1 on the circle in the color wheel to adjust the Hue and Saturation. When you obtain the desired color, select **a color bar and then Apply**. Use Undo or Revert to switch back to the last saved zone color table.
23. To close the Formatter Launcher window, select the **Hide button**.

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